

CONTACT

JULY 2026



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and we will send you the link!



The Parish of Hythe

SUNDAYS AT ST JOHN'S

YOUR CHURCH,
YOU'RE WELCOME

9:30am

BUBBLE CHURCH

10:15am

Morning Worship

11:15am

Holy
Communion

5:30pm

2nd Sunday of the month
Evensong
(British Summer Time only)



Not the Vicar.....

As I sit to write this letter to you all, I am reminded of the Messy Church theme we had a couple of months ago the title was Community: a home for all. Based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, we sometimes forget that Paul's letters to the churches in places like Rome, Philippi and Corinth were read out to the whole gathered congregation.

These weren't private, specialist communications to particular leaders or age groups in those churches. Everyone heard what Paul had to say, and they understood that his words were for everyone – including household slaves, women, children and even some of 'the outsiders' who were perhaps 'just looking' when it came to the matter of faith in Jesus.

When we hear what Paul has to say about the church being the body of Christ, any of those listening might well be the hand, foot, eyes or ears that he is talking about. There is no sense here that only those who have reached a certain level of spiritual maturity are qualified to be particular limbs. In fact the whole thrust of what Paul is saying is that some of the least likely members of a congregation may be the most significant parts of Christ's body the church.

I feel at St John's and St Anne's we value everyone young and old in the togetherness that make us who we are, whichever service you attend, Messy Church, Bubble Church, the 10.15am Service, either of our Communion Services or Evensong. Each and everyone of us are a part of the body of this amazing Parish, we are all very different but without us all being connected we are not complete, if we were missing one part then people may not be able to see the light. Each one of us is part of Christ's body, and each of us can be the hands and feet of Jesus for others.

We give thanks for the many gifts we have and pray for gifts that are missing.

I also want to take this opportunity to say welcome to Andy Pearce who now is officially our 2nd Warden, both Andy and Craig were at Winchester Cathedral for their Visitation Service this past week where they were admitted to office.

I consider it a privilege to be a part of this wonderful church fellowship.

May God bless you all, Chris McMahon

GIVING



Giving is part of our worship of God, and a way of showing commitment to His ministry in the Parish. If you would like to contribute to the work of our Parish, please use the QR code on this page to find out how, or visit parishgiving.org.uk to set up regular giving.

In Church, we also have a card machine which is easy to use and saves us handling cash. Please contact the Parish Office for further information or if you require help with them.

Welcomers/sides people needed

Hi everyone St John's Church are in need of individuals who would be willing to help out at our Services. We are looking for people who would like to welcome on entrance to our services or anyone who would be willing to be a sidesperson. If you are interested please come and see us at any of the services or contact the office. Your help would be greatly appreciated by all at St John's.

God Bless
Craig Fowkes Church Warden

WHO'S WHO



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PRAYER & DISCIPLESHIP

Did you know that we have numerous options for prayer here at St Johns?



Lectio 365

We have a monthly prayer diary that you can subscribe to by emailing the office on office@stjohnshythe.org. But you can also receive prayer on Sundays. Just ask one of the service leaders, or someone you trust if they wouldn't mind praying for you, and I'm sure they'd be delighted!

Many of us follow our own routine for daily prayer, and over the next few editions, I'd like to highlight some of the resources that are out there to aid you in your prayer life and walk with God.

The origins

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MOTHERS UNION REPORT

We were full of admiration for our speaker, Jo a young woman who gave us a spirited glimpse of her duties as a volunteer within the “prison fellowship”. Their mission is to show Christ’s love to people in prison through prayer and practical help to aid people in prison to return to their families.

Instead of our July 9th meeting, we are hoping to visit Beaulieu parish hall to attend one of their weekly “get togethers”. When people come to meet, and perhaps play board games, chat, sew, knit, etc, or just to enjoy tea and fellowship. Transport is the difficulty, so please contact Sue Harvey to let her know if you would like to attend, and if you need a lift, or can offer a lift.

There is no meeting during August so our next meeting will be on September 10th at St Johns hall, at 2.30pm, when we will be hearing about the mission aviation fellowship, all are welcome. The sales table will be brown.
Enjoy the summer!!

Sue Harvey
June Smith

MothersUNION 



CHRISTMAS ANGELS.....

Dear friends, we're coming close to that time of year when we begin to turn our thoughts to Christmas angels. Again, I thank you for all the hard work you did in 2025 when we gave out 1700 angels. We couldn't do this without all your help, if you are new to the idea, I can send you patterns, knitting or crochet, by email, or deliver them to you, so you can join the growing gang of crafters. With many thanks for your continued enthusiasm, The angel lady (Sue Blomley)



sue.blomley@gmail.com.

Supporting Our Church's Future with the Parish Giving Scheme

Our church relies entirely on the generosity of our community to care for our building, support our clergy, and continue our worship, mission, and outreach. To make giving simpler, more secure, and more efficient, St. John's offers the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).

The Parish Giving Scheme is a free, secure, and easy-to-use Direct Debit service designed specifically for local churches. It helps provide our parish with a reliable and predictable income, enabling us to plan confidently for the future.

Why use the Parish Giving Scheme?

You're in Control

You decide how often you would like to give — monthly, quarterly, or annually.

Automatic Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, the scheme automatically claims the additional 25% Gift Aid on your donation and passes it directly to our parish.

No Hidden Fees

Unlike some online giving platforms, the PGS is completely free to use, meaning 100% of your donation — and any Gift Aid reclaimed — comes directly to our church.

Helping Your Gift Keep Its Value

The scheme also offers the option to increase your gift annually in line with inflation (CPI). By opting in, your generosity can continue to have the same impact year after year without requiring manual changes.

How to Sign Up

Joining the Parish Giving Scheme only takes a few minutes. You can set up your regular gift in any of the following ways:

- **Online** - Visit the secure www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk website to register.
- **By Phone** - Call the dedicated PGS team on **0333 002 1271** (Monday to Friday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm). Quoting code 416011181
- **By Post** - Ask Sue, our Parish Treasurer or Hannah for a paper gift form.

Please note: Whichever method you choose, you will need our parish's unique PGS code: 416011181

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and generosity. Together, we can ensure that our church continues to serve our community and thrive for generations to come.

Martin Deadman

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

St John's Hall, Hythe

10am - 12 noon

First Saturday of the month

Fun &
friends

Saturday 4th April

Saturday 2nd May

Saturday 6th June

Saturday 4th July

Lots of
toys

Games &
activities

Bacon
Butties



Deanery Church Tent, New Forest and Hampshire County Show 2026
Tues 28th, Wed 29th and Thur 30th July 2026

Volunteers are needed to serve refreshments and welcome visitors to our ever-popular church tent. This is an opportunity to come together as a Deanery to serve our community, promote the place and importance of our Parish Churches and share the hospitality of God with the thousands of people who visit the show.

Volunteer sessions for teas and welcomers will be for 2½ hour starting 9am or 11.30am or 2pm.

Revd David Potterton has been our church tent supervisor on all 3 days, but this year David may not be available due to imminent spinal surgery; so this year we are looking for help for each day from people with knowledge and experience of the show to act as supervisor to oversee for a whole day. A lunch voucher will be provided.

To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Mary Robinson at the Brockenhurst church office on 01590 624584 or email Mary@BrockenhurstChurch.com

Volunteers are also needed for Children's Craft Activities and Facepainting, where the sessions will be morning 9.30 to 1.00 or afternoon 1.00 to 4.30.

To volunteer for this please contact Gordon & Wendy on 07759175779 or email gwh341@btinternet.com

All volunteers get a free One Day Pass.

Thank you!



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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Continuing our series from deanery leaders, Revd Tom Hodgkinson, Assistant Area Dean of Bournemouth, writes...

When it comes to football, they say it's the hope that kills you.

As an England fan (yet with Scottish ancestry) I've noticed in myself a growing sense of hope at the possibility of England's chances at the World Cup. This is, admittedly, a familiar feeling.



Tournament after tournament, I find hope rising that perhaps "this is our year!", only for the tournament to end in disappointment. If the Women's team can taste victory, then can the Men's team finally follow suit?

Regrettably, at least in my lifetime, this hope has been misplaced. Success continues to be elusive, but who knows, maybe football is finally coming home?

Hope is, of course, a central theme of the gospel. But rather than being rooted in the occasionally inconsistent form of a football team, Christian hope is rooted in Jesus himself. Paul reminds us in Romans 5 that "hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit".



Parish of Hythe

JULY 2026

Notices and Diary Dates



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

Welcome to our July notices and diary dates.

If you have a notice to be included in future months, please email office@stjohnshythe.org

In order to help us save on our printing costs, if you don't already receive this by email and would like to, please email office@stjohnshythe.org

Sundays in July

Sunday 5th July

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's

10:15am Morning Worship at St John's

11:15am Holy Communion at St John's

Sunday 12th July

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's

10:15am Morning Worship at St John's

11:15am Holy Communion at St John's

5:30pm Evensong at St John's

Sunday 19th July

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's

10:15am Morning Worship at St John's

11:15am Holy Communion at St John's

4:00pm Baptism Service at Calshot Beach

Sunday 26th July

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's

10:15am Morning Worship at St John's

11:15am Holy Communion at St John's

Midweek Services

Every Wednesday at 10:30am - Holy Communion at St John's

Friday 3rd July at 3:30pm - Messy Church at St Anne's

Weekly Activities

Mondays

1:00pm Little Footprints Baby Group at St Anne's

Tuesdays

9:30am Coffee Shop in St John's Hall

10:00am Coffee Morning at St John's Church

Wednesdays

12:00pm Lunch Club in St John's Hall

Thursdays

1:00pm Toddle-Winks Toddler Group at St Anne's
(term time only)

Fridays

6:00pm Youth Club in St John's Hall (term time only)

Saturdays

10:00am Coffee Morning at St John's Church

Other Events in July

Saturday 4th July

10:00-12:00am Who Let the Dads Out in St John's Hall

God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



NOTICES

Baptism Service

On Sunday 19th July we will be joining together with St Andrew's and other churches in our local area for a baptism service at Calshot Beach. We have a number of people from our own congregation who will be being baptised that afternoon. Please show them your support and join us at Calshot at 4:00pm if you are able.

September Fair

Our September Fair is coming up on Saturday 5th September from 10am-1pm. If you are able to help on the day then please do let Hannah know. We will shortly start receiving donations and selling raffle tickets.

NOW is the time to have your say in the future of Our Church

GOING FORWARD

We have started the process of finding a new Vicar!

To ensure that we get the right person for the job, we have to create a Parish Profile: a document that tells any interested future incumbent who we are, what we do and how we wish to move forward with their guidance.

To enable us to create the Parish Profile the PCC need your support. We need to know what YOU would like to see in OUR new Vicar and how YOU would like to see OUR church move forward.

This is YOUR opportunity to have YOUR input into the future of OUR church, either by following the link on the QR code or by filling in the enclosed questionnaire and returning it to the office or the church. (If you are unable to return the form, please contact the office and we will arrange to collect it).

Your opinion really matters so please take the time to give us your views, thoughts and prayerful considerations.

Due to the timeframe that the Diocese would like us to keep, a fairly prompt response would be very much appreciated.

Many Thanks, Andy and Craig

St John's and St Anne's

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future of Our Church**

GOING FORWARD

Please leave your comments and suggestions by
scanning the QR code here,



NOW is the time to have your say in the future of Our Church

Going Forward - Parish of Hythe - Parish Profile

Please feel free to take a questionnaire and return it to the Office.

Many Thanks,

Your PCC.

The list of questions below are meant as a guide and are by no means definitive so please feel free to add further comments.

1. What qualities are you looking for in our new incumbent?
2. How would you like to see worship within the parish develop?
3. What changes would you like to see made within the church?
4. How would you like to see our buildings being used?
5. What events would you like to see happen in our buildings?
6. Are there any changes you would like to see to the layout of our existing buildings?
7. What fundraising events would you like to see?
8. What is the single most important thing you would like a prospective vicar to know about the parish?

This is the 2nd year us as the Parish of Hythe, will be entering this event , Jesus and his sheep were well loved last year, can't wait to see what we do this year. Get your votes in for us if you like us.



Waterside
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HYTHE ALIVE

PRIZES TO WIN

HYTHE'S SCARECROW TRAIL

5th-13th September 2026

CREATE & DISPLAY

We're inviting local residents, groups and businesses to create and display scarecrows for our exciting community trail. Visitors can purchase a trail map and follow the route throughout the week, enjoying all the fantastic scarecrow creations along the way. There will also be prizes awarded for the best scarecrows in a range of categories, so get creative and join in the fun!

Public Vote - Best Children's Entry (under 12yrs)
Best Literary - Best Business - Best Resident
Best Animal - Best Dressed - Funniest Scarecrow
Best Community Group

FREE TO ENTER

SCAN THE QR CODE

WPCN Patient Champions

Patient Champions work with patients from GP practices across the Waterside Primary Care Network. (PCN) and provide a range of activities to support people in the community include a coffee session at St John's hall every last Thursday of the month from 11:30 to 13:30. There is no charge for the session or for the cakes and bread provided by the Waterside Food Project.

The group's activities include book groups in Hythe and Marchwood, walking groups, a photography group and one to support people in an ever changing digital world.

To find out more about the range of activities provided click on this link <https://www.wpcnpatientchampions.co.uk/about>



Blanket Basket

Wanted - clean & cosy blankets

To have available in case you feel a bit chilly whilst in church



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Summer Holiday Club

TEAM BUILDERS

2026



Mon 17th Aug
-
Fri 21st Aug

School years
Reception - Y6
Sept 26



10am - 1pm
Lunch included



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At: St Anne's Church & Neighbourhood Centre
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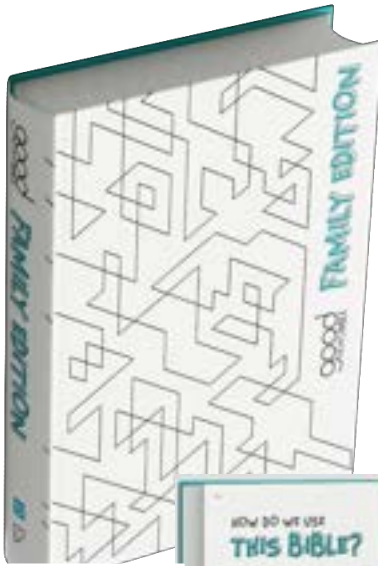
Contact :- Chris McMahon - Children and Families Pastor

02380844336

families@stjohnshythe.org



Would you be able to sponsor a new family in St John's & St Anne's to help them continue their faith journey?



£30.00



£5.00

We are thrilled to have baptised children from 3 Bubble Church families and have more children and adults coming forward for Baptism & Confirmation who are part of our fellowship here.

Good News Family Bible - We have presented these to those families and will be offering them a chance to join together and explore them as a family.

A massive thankyou to those of you who have sponsored Bibles or part of a Bible for a family.

Bubble Church Truth Cards - a new resource to equip parents and children to keep growing in their faith at home, especially where they might be beginning a journey of faith together.

If you are interested in sponsoring a family with either of these gifts please talk to Chris McMahon, Children's & Families Pastor, who can explain more how it works.

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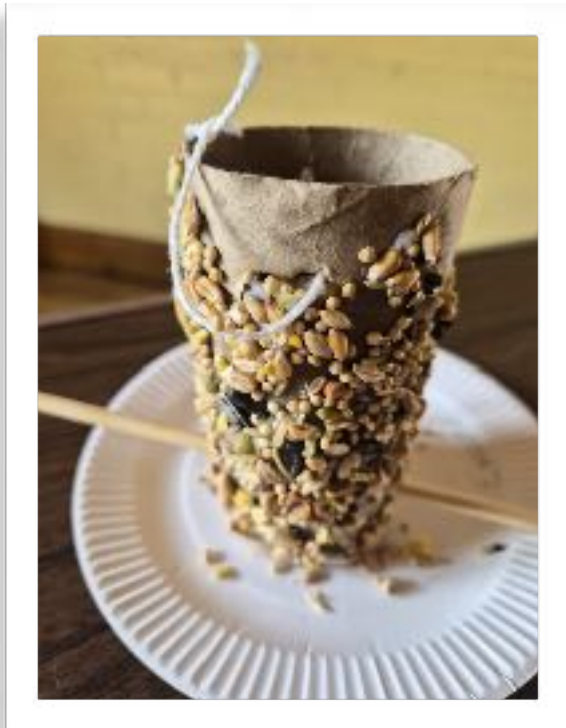
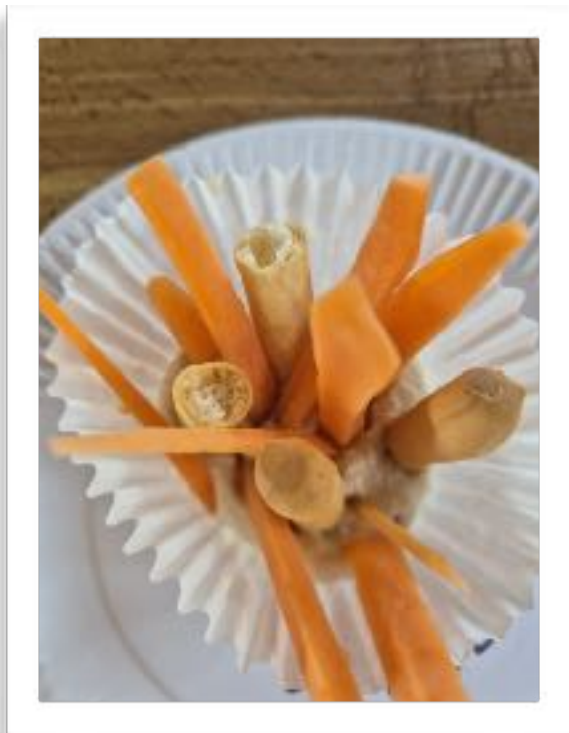
Messy Church

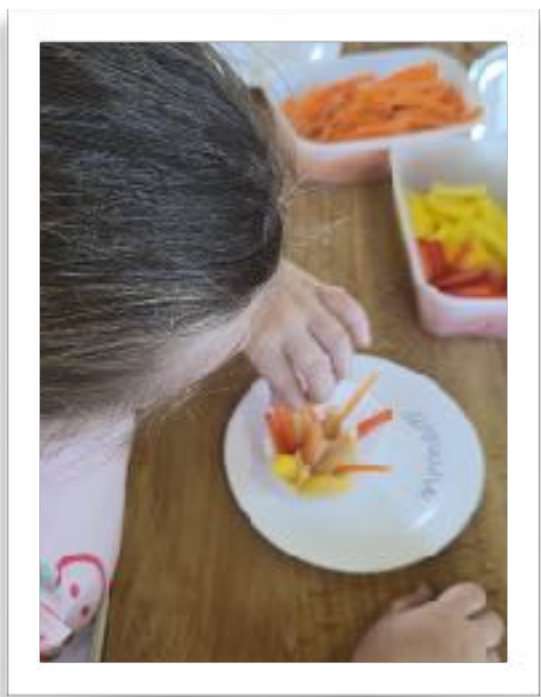
At Messy Church we explored God talking to Moses, helping us all to see that God is active in our lives and will use us to further God's kingdom if we are ready and willing. Making edible campfires, painting our own burning bushes, making bird feeders to feed Gods birds (as I was unable to get a sheep for everyone to look after as Moses had!)

Our prayer: Dear I AM, we come before you now, seeking your purpose and clarity for our lives. We ask that we are filled with wisdom and understanding so that we may know the direction in which you want us to go. Amen

Chris







BUBBLE CHURCH



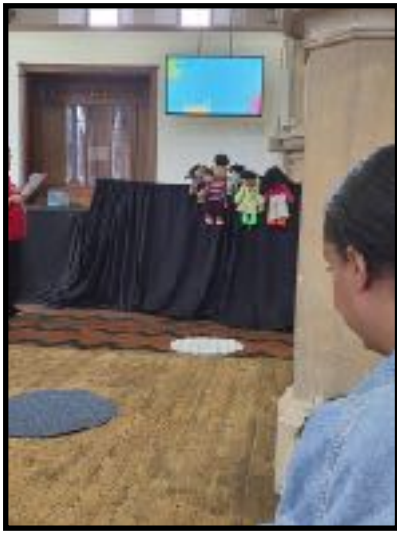
Bubble Church

We have had a lot of fun learning about the Abraham, and his sons, and followed the story of Issac and Rebekah, and their sons Jacob and Esau, and how God worked in their lives and also works in ours. We explored messy families, Jacobs dream and made a ladder, and heard about Jacob staying at his uncle Laban's house where he looked after many sheep, and the forgiveness of Esau.

God thank you that wherever we go and whatever we do,
you are always near to us.
Help us to remember that,
and live our lives getting to know you more and more.
Aaaamen!

Chris





Pentecost Bubble Church

Having followed the Ascension story after Easter we found ourselves at Pentecost where we enjoyed our 1st outdoor Bubble Church, a great morning, cool in the morning sun and a great space to celebrate the Holy Spirit together. (It was a great hit with our warden saying 'can we do this every week?') watch this space





Open The Book

We visited both schools last month and shared the story of the temptation of Adam and Eve . we thought about how we make the decisions over what we do, whether we have ever experienced consequences for making the wrong decision or being led to the wrong decision. Asked God to be with us when we are thinking of the right actions and decisions to make in our lives. Next week we will be making our final visits for this academic year.

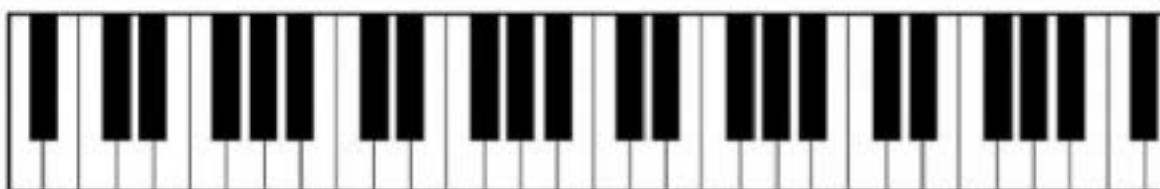


Little Footprints and Toddler Wink

We thought about the Father figures in our lives and made cards /pictures for them, help was needed but we were successful some great creations by our 'I'm not arty' mums 😊







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Summer Holiday Club

TEAMBUILDERS

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- Craft
- Team-Leaders
- Singing
- Sports
- Drama-Team
- Activities
- Snacks
- Drinks
- 1st Aid
- IT
- Sound
- Props
- Team-Assistants
- Admin



FREE

 **Parish of Hythe**
St John's & St Anne's Youth

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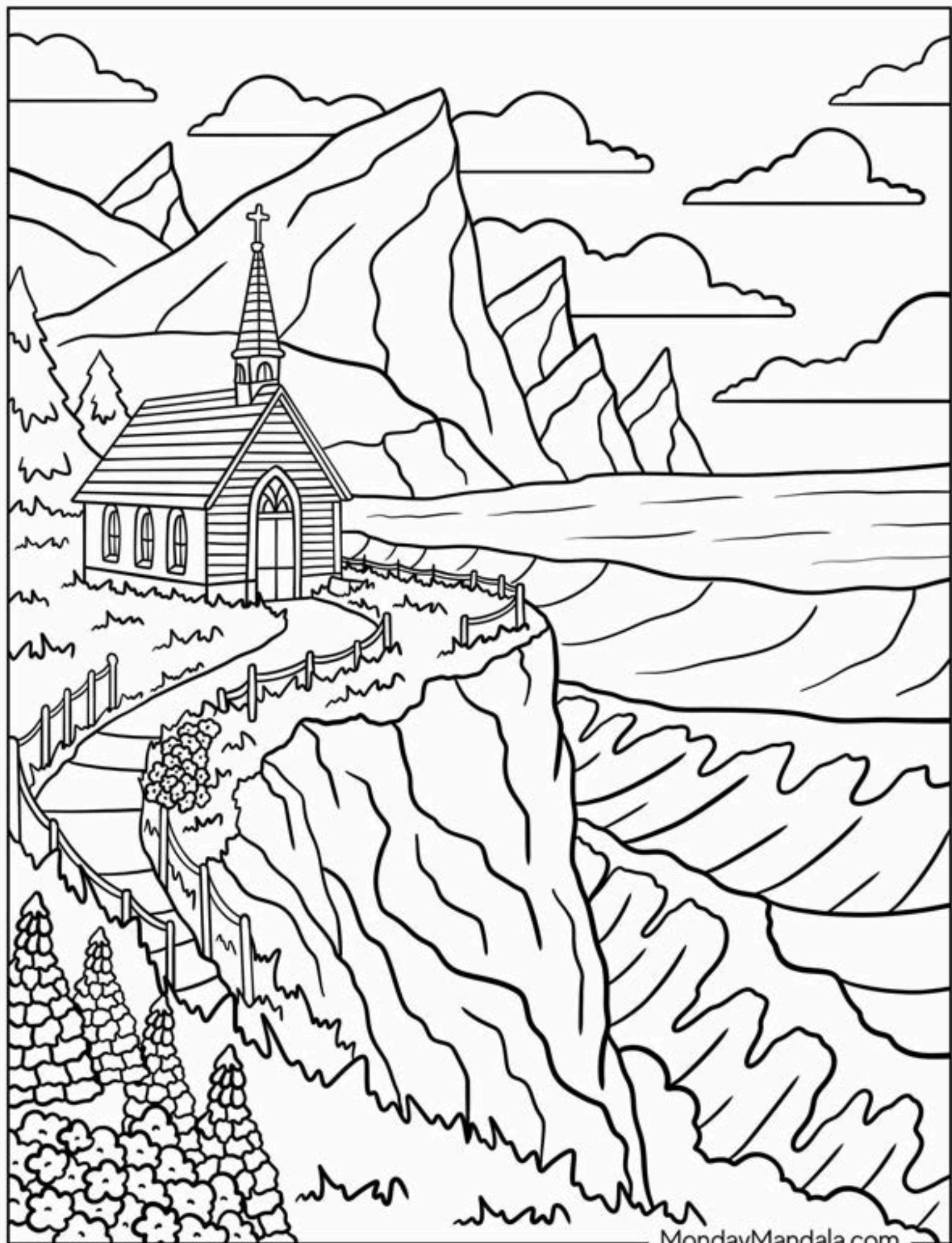


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